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**Importance:** High

The subject FOIA references the Safe Drinking Water Accession and Review System (SDWARS). SDWARS is a web-based data entry system supporting the collection of data under the Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR). This database allows users to submit, review, and post data. Laboratories post UCMR data, and the public water systems (PWSs) review, approve, and submit the posted results to EPA. The data is later transferred to the National Contaminant Occurrence Database (NCOD) to facilitate analysis, review of contaminant occurrence, and to guide the development of subsequent contaminants for the Candidates Contaminant List (CCL).

Strictly speaking, the Region 4 office in Atlanta, Georgia has **NO** records currently on hand which are responsive to this FOIA. However, EPA has made UCM occurrence data publicly available at:

<http://water.epa.gov/lawsregs/rulesregs/sdwa/ucmr/data.cfm>

For this reason, EPA generally directs requestors to that webpage. In this case, Region 4 staff sought to test this online resource ourselves. The attached City of Hattiesburg public water system (MS0180008) information is entirely extracted from occurrence data from that webpage, as follows:

UCMR 3 (2013-2015) Occurrence Data: since this round is still ongoing, the data is subject to corrections or additions

UCMR 2 (2008-2010) Occurrence Data: this data is FINAL and will not be changed

UCMR 1 (2001-2005) Occurrence Data: this data is FINAL and will not be changed

UCM-State Rounds 1 and 2 (1988-1997) Occurrence Data: this data is FINAL and will not be changed; however, the data was received “as is” from the states and was not quality checked by EPA

The extracted information is presented in Excel format with worksheets (tabs) corresponding to the four monitoring events. Staff at EPA’s Technical Support Center in Cincinnati, Ohio (who oversee UCM program implementation), concurred with the results of Region 4’s test of the publicly-available data. The requestor is encouraged to visit the previously mentioned webpage for explanatory information about occurrence data.